40. The method of claim **38**, wherein the first message is at least one of a beacon message, a probe response and a generic advertisement service response.

41. The method of claim **38**, further comprising: transmitting, by the apparatus, a first request message to the second apparatus, wherein the first message comprising the information element is a response to the first request message.

42. The method of claim **38**, wherein the request message for requesting the access credentials is at least one of a probe request and a generic advertisement service request.

43. The method of claim **38**, wherein the receiving the access credentials from the third apparatus comprises receiving the access credentials via a radio interface other than a wireless local area network interface.

44. The method of claim **38**, wherein a passthrough bit in the first message comprising the information element indicates if access credentials may be requested for the second apparatus

45. The method of claim **38**, wherein the access credentials are in encrypted form, and

the apparatus receives at least one decryption parameter from the second apparatus, the third apparatus, or a fourth apparatus for decrypting the encrypted access credentials.

46. The method of claim **38**, wherein the access credentials are wireless local area network access credentials and comprise a service set identifier, encryption type, and an encryption key.

47. An apparatus, comprising:

at least one processor; and

at least one memory including computer program code,

the at least one memory and the computer program code configured to, with the at least one processor, cause the apparatus at least to:

receive a first message from a second apparatus, the first message comprising an information element indicating if access credentials may be requested for the second apparatus,

determine, based on the first message, whether access credentials of the second apparatus may be requested,

in response to detecting that the access credentials may be requested, cause transmission of a request message for requesting the access credentials of the second apparatus, and

receive the access credentials from a third apparatus, different from the second apparatus.

48. The apparatus of claim **47**, wherein the apparatus is configured to determine, based on the first message, whether the access credentials may be requested via the second apparatus, and

the apparatus is configured to send the request message to the second apparatus for requesting the access credentials via the second apparatus.

49. The apparatus of claim **47**, wherein the first message is at least one of a beacon message, a probe request and a generic advertisement service request.

50. The apparatus of claim **47**, wherein the apparatus is configured to send a first request message to the second apparatus, wherein the first message comprising the information element is a response to the first request message.

51. The apparatus of claim **47**, wherein the request message for requesting the access credentials is one of a probe request and a generic advertisement service request.

52. The apparatus of claim **47**, wherein the apparatus is configured to receive the access credentials via a radio interface other than a wireless local area network interface.

53. The apparatus of claim **47**, wherein a passthrough bit in the first message comprising the information element indicates if access credentials may be requested for the second apparatus.

54. The apparatus of claim **47**, wherein the access credentials are in encrypted form, and

the apparatus is configured to receive at least one decryption parameter from the second apparatus, the third apparatus, or a fourth apparatus for decrypting the encrypted access credentials.

55. The apparatus of claim **47**, wherein the access credentials are wireless local area network access credentials comprising a service set identifier, encryption type, and an encryption key.

56. The apparatus of claim **49**, wherein the apparatus is a mobile communications terminal device comprising a transceiver and at least one antenna for communicating according to a wireless local area network standard.

57. An apparatus, comprising:

at least one processor; and

at least one memory including computer program code,

the at least one memory and the computer program code configured to, with the at least one processor, cause the apparatus at least to:

receive a first request message from a non-access point apparatus,

send a first response message to the non-access point apparatus, the first response message comprising an information element indicating whether access credentials of the second apparatus may be requested via the second apparatus,

receive apparatus from the non-access point apparatus a second request message for requesting the access credentials after transmission of the first response message, and

send a third request to a third apparatus for transmitting the access credentials to the non-access point apparatus.

58. A non-transitory computer readable memory embodying at least one computer program code, the at least one computer program code executable by at least one processor to perform a method comprising:

receiving, by an apparatus, a first message from a second apparatus, the first message comprising an information element indicating if access credentials may be requested for the second apparatus,

determining, based on the first message, whether access credentials of the second apparatus may be requested,

in response to detecting that the access credentials may be requested, transmitting a request message for requesting the access credentials of the second apparatus, and

receiving the access credentials from a third apparatus, different from the second apparatus.

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